**I.** Give the students this question before they read the novel & let them know they will have the assignment to write an accordion paragraph responding to it at the end of the novel.

**Explain which character you identify with the most and why.**

**II. Ongoing Daily/Bi-weekly Journal Lesson:**

Step #1: Provide students with a notecard (if each student has a book) or a print out (for class book copy) to keep track of the page numbers/paragraph as they read along to refer help keep track of “interesting or important” passages to spark their daily journal response. Example format:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Book Title: *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Bruiser\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* Author\_\_\_\_Neal Shusterman\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Page Number: Paragraph:**

*Example:*

*pg. 23 #3 “We’re not telepathic twins….the last word.”*

*pg. 52 #2 “1) From Carly I learned never….to prove it on you.”*

Step #2: Give students an option of a guided journal question to respond to for the reading of that day OR allow them to simply respond to open-endedly with a passage they recorded (provide a copy/have them copy these examples). Tell them to include questions, opinions, memories, real-life associations,….

Guided question response example:

What do we learn about the character Bruiser through Tennyson’s point of view? Is Bruiser someone you would befriend?

*Bruiser is not someone you would want your sister to date. Tennyson thinks he is a “freak” and compares him to a sad puppy that is brought home to be adopted. He doesn’t have friends and wears the same leather jacket all the time. He is just scary. He doesn’t live with his parents and has a little brother that looks like he was raised by wolves.*

*I doubt if I would befriend Bruiser just because of his nickname. But I’m curious why Bronte is dating him. He probably isn’t as bad as Tennyson thinks he is or I doubt we’d be reading an entire book named after him.*

Open-ended/Passage Response Example*:*

*Pg.23/¶#3: Tennyson is super funny. Does he really have conversation in his head with his sister? I have conversations in my head with rude people I get mad at and never knew what to say at the time. I have perfect comebacks for those jerks out there but I never have them at the time I really needed them. Anyway, I like how Tennyson respects his sister but is frustrated by her at the same time. I wonder if he feels like she is smarter because she might be treated differently by their parents or because she is a girl. I also wonder if one twin is smarter at one subject like Math and the other is better in athletics. I’m glad I’m not a twin and am constantly compared to the other sibling, especially if it were a boy. Then again, what would be better?*